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## SUPERVISOR MARY N. PIEPHO RECEIVES BOARD SUPPORT TO REDUCE TRAFFIC FEES FOR COUNTY WINERIES AND OLIVE MILLS

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BRENTWOOD – At the request of Supervisor Mary N. Piepho, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors approved today a formal policy regarding the method used to calculate traffic mitigation fees for land uses specific to wineries and olive mills in the unincorporated areas of the County. This policy will affect the total fees collected for the County Traffic Mitigation Fee Program but supports our county's agricultural history and future.

The policy guides staff to collect traffic fees based on the square footage of the commercial use component only for each project, such as wine/olive oil tasting and sales facilities. The processing facilities, or light industrial component of the land use, will be considered an agricultural activity and will not be charged a traffic fee.

"Contra Costa County has a rich agricultural history, we want to make sure it also has a rich agricultural future. This policy is one way in which we, as county leaders, can support that goal," said Supervisor Piepho. "I have been working very closely with our local farmers in Contra Costa County to develop this new policy. We have modeled this program after other county's with similar urban environments, yet a strong farming history,"

Supervisor Piepho and staff have worked with the Olive and Grape Growers Association and other east county growers to gain an understanding of their growing season and processes along with the associated impacts to the County road system.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Supervisor Piepho's Brentwood Office at (925) 240-7260.

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